

the *DYDDI* digest

taken from what is thought to be the 7th century origin of Didmarton's name
Dyddimaertun, believed to mean the boundary (maere) farm (tun) of a Mr
Dyddi

April 2023 – no. 569



Lambing season, a reminder to be vigilant.

**Didmarton's local newspaper incorporating
Leighterton, Boxwell and Sopworth**



DIDMARTON'S RUBBISH & RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

All Bins: 13th April & 27th April

Food Waste: 6th April & 20th April

Note: Dates not up on Council Website

APRIL DIARY DATES

1st April— April Fools Day

2nd April—Autism Awareness Day

5th April— Passover

6th April— The Pink Full Moon

9th April—Easter Sunday

11th April—Apollo 13 Launched

12th April—Titanic Sank

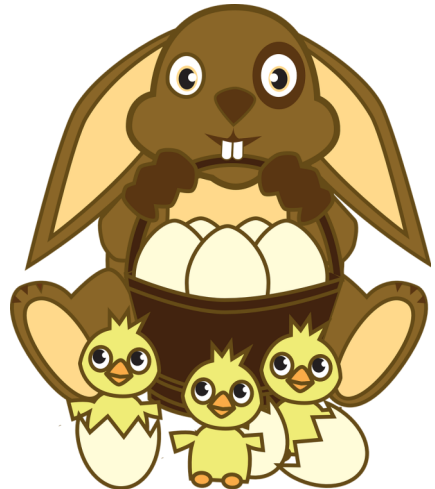
13th April—National Scrabble Day

18th April—National Haiku Poetry Day p7

22nd April—Earth Day

23rd April—St Georges Day

25th—Anzacs Day



WHY APRIL'S FULL MOON IS CALLED THE PINK MOON

The history of the Pink Moon starts with a flower. It got its name from ground phlox, which is a pink flower and the most common bud in North America. The first full moon of spring after the spring equinox is called the Paschal Full Moon, which is this year's Pink Moon.



USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Phoenix, Tetbury Surgery – 01666 502303

Police – to report incidents – 101

Tolsey Surgery, Sherston – 01666 840270

Tetbury Hospital – 01666 502336

Oldbury Garage – 01454 537016

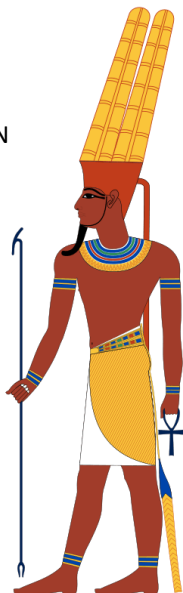
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1st	Harry Ball
4th	Emily Jones
10th	Sam Jones
14th	Jacob Tuck
20th	Annabelle Harries-Jacob

In astrology, Aries is the first sign of the zodiac, considered as governing the period from about March 21 to about April 19. Its representation as a ram is identified with the Egyptian god Amun.

Birthstone—Diamond

Flower—Honeysuckle / Thistle

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I am the editor and I write and I write...

A NOTE FROM ME

Thank you everyone for your kind words of encouragement not only for me but for support of the Dyddi itself.

We have had some interesting contributions this month, which I hope you enjoy. In order to reduce printing costs there is even more content on-line!

Keep your content suggestions coming so far they include a notes page, a letters page, reports from the Parish Council (P12 & 20) and yoga (P5). Do email if you want to contribute.

With regards to the proposed concerts at Worcester Lodge on the Badminton Estate. Everyone who attended should have the minutes, if you haven't please contact me and I will happily send them on. At time of going to print an updated map and further details of parking were not available.

Some very positive news that Sopworth has taken delivery of a defibrillator to be fitted in the telephone box. Huge thank you to all involved in making this happen.

EASTER EGG HUNT—I have 'hidden' a number of eggs through the printed version, all are whole and waiting to be discovered—but how many are they? Answers next month.

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All contributions should be sent before the 15th of each month—anyone can offer a contribution, go on, express your inner writer (suggest we save King et-al for October please!)

Roxzanne Fox-Roberts

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How many ones 1—100? = 21

Last months title, I'm so Dyddi inspired by I'm so Dizzy, originally by Tommy Roe later covered by Vic Reeves & the Wonderstuff - what about this months—any thoughts?



DIDMARTON'S RURAL CINEMA

The Banshees of Inisherin (2022) – Comedy

Cert: 15 – **Run time:** 1 hr. 56 min.

Rotten Tomatoes audience rating: 76%

Starring: Colin Farrell, Brendan Gleeson, Barry Keoghan

Director: *Martin McDonagh*

Set on a remote island off the west coast of Ireland, 'The Banshees Of Inisherin' follows lifelong friends Padraic (Colin Farrell) and Colm (Brendan Gleeson), who find themselves at an impasse when Colm unexpectedly puts an end to their friendship.

Trailer: <https://www.filmbankmedia.com/films/archive/details/33750-the-banshees-of-inisherin#/video>

Showing on Friday 14th April 2023

Doors open at 6.30 for cash bar and film show starts at 7.30

£5 on the door – we now have a card machine!

Please advise if attending as helps for set up of chairs etc



YOGA WITH MATT FROM LITTLE WREN YOGA

Didmarton Village Hall Mondays 9.15am—10.30

Often when we think of yoga we think of slim younger people in expensive sports kit, doing crazy postures that make them look more like contortionists than ordinary folk. These images on social media often make us think it's not worth having a go as my body is not like that or could even move like that.

However, the essence of true yoga couldn't be further away from this modern image. Yoga is roughly four thousand years old and developed in ancient India as a way of bringing together, the balancing of the mind, body, and spirit. The word yoga means to yoke, to unite all the elements of human experience.

Often people say I can't do yoga as I am not fit enough, or I am not flexible but interestingly the teachings of yoga encourage to accept yourself as you are, not how you would like to be and start from there. You start the practice with your body as it is, adjust your practice and then over time your flexibility will increase.

The beauty of yoga is you start where you are and gently over the weeks your body becomes stronger and more flexible in a gentle way.

Over the last few years there has been a lot of scientific research into the benefits of meditation and yoga, and lots of encouraging things are being found out.

Here is a few:

Yoga improves strength, balance and flexibility:

The slow movements and deep breathing increase blood flow and warm up muscles, while holding a pose can build strength.

Yoga can help with back pain relief:

Yoga is as good as basic stretching for easing pain and improving mobility in people with lower back pain. The American College of Physicians recommends yoga as a first-line treatment for chronic low back pain.

Yoga relaxes you, to help you sleep better:

Research has shown that a consistent yoga routine can help you get in the right mindset and prepare your body to fall asleep and stay asleep.

Yoga can mean more energy and brighter moods:

You may feel increased mental and physical energy, a boost in alertness and enthusiasm, and fewer negative feelings after getting into a routine of practicing yoga.

Yoga helps you manage stress levels:

Scientific evidence shows that yoga supports stress management, mental health, mindfulness, healthy eating, weight loss and quality sleep.

Yoga classes can connect you with a supportive community:

Participating in yoga classes can ease loneliness and provide support and friendship.

Yoga practice and philosophy promotes better self-care, self awareness and self acceptance:

Research has even shown that in prison environments it can lower a person's reactivity and make them less likely to flare up in situations as they develop a calmer, more accepting approach to their situation.

Give it a go:

One of the ancient philosophical ideas of yoga encourages us just to be open to the possibility that there might be some truth in it. It encourages you to go by your experience rather than being told this is 'right or true'. So why not just give yoga a go and see if it works for you.

If you would like to try a yoga session; Matt Albury; is a 500 YTT qualified and registered yoga teacher. The sessions are from 09:15 to 10:30 on Monday Mornings at Didmarton Village Hall. The first taster session is always a free session.

Equipment, such as mats are provided so all you need is to wear comfortable clothing that lets you move.

For more details contact Little Wren Yoga via 07758313242 or email: littlewrenyoga@gmail.com, or take a look at the website: Website: <https://littlewrenyoga.wixsite.com/my-site>



On Mondays from 9:15am to 10:30am

Didmarton Village Hall. Please contact us for more details, or just come along. Suitable for all levels of experience. Taster session free.

TECH TALK

Going Large with Google

Not just the editor! If you have any specific topics you want me to cover simply email at: editor@dyddi.co.uk



Google's search algorithm is improving all of the time, but sometimes you don't quite get what you were expecting, so here are a few tips to help you make the most of Google and indeed any Search Engine.

Quotations (" ") to search for the exact phrase: If you search for *Patrick Stewart young*, you will get results that have all those words, but not necessarily in the order you search. By adding quotations and searching "*Patrick Stewart young*," you will get only results that include all those words in that order.

Exclude terms with a minus (-) symbol: Use the minus symbol to exclude all the terms you don't want, e.g. *best apps -android* for results that omit roundups of top Android apps.

Dashes: Put a dash before a word that you want to include in your site:
jaguar -animal

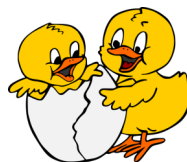
Use 2 full stops (..) between numbers to search for a range: To narrow results to a date or price range, use full stops in between the numbers. Looking for a computer within a certain price range? Search *computer £500..£900* to only get results that fit into that range.

Add site: to search a single website: If you want results from one specific website, use *site:* followed directly by the site domain. *site:allaboutsites.co.uk*

Search File Types: If you're looking for a specific kind of file on the internet, use *filetype:* to search only for uploaded files that match your query. For example, use *filetype:pdf* to find a PDF or *filetype:doc* to locate a Microsoft Office document.

Search Related Websites: Search for similar websites by using the *related:* to show related results. Searching *related:amazon.com* brings up results including Walmart and Overstock. Searching *related:google.com* shows Yahoo and Bing.

Happy Googling Everyone!



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Wednesday afternoon tea
concerts and our Thursday Film
nights. For more details and to
book tickets visit our website:

www.shed-arts.co.uk

- April 1 Dire Streets:** The group brings to life the classic songs of one of the world's greatest guitar bands. Tickets £20 Doors open 7 for 7.30.
- April 8 Filkins Drift:** Local folk musicians Chris Roberts and Seth Bye weave together intricate melodies from the folklore of their homes in Gloucestershire and Wales. Tickets £12.50. Doors open 7 for 7.30.
- April 15 Wind in the Willows:** Box Tale Soup in association with the Everyman Theatre offer a beautiful new adaptation of Kenneth Grahm's much loved book. An ideal family outing featuring puppetry, theatre and a lovely original score. Tickets £10 £30 for a family of four. 2-3 with no interval
- April 21 The Stuart Singers:** This popular local choir have been singing together for 30 years and are making their first appearance at the Goods Shed. The show will include well known tunes and some surprises! Tickets £12. 7.30
- April 29 Comedy Club:** Featuring the talents of Tony Cowards, Peter Brush and favourite MC Louise Leah! Tickets £12/£10 under 25. 8pm



www.shed-arts.co.uk



LEIGHTERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



ANZAC Day

The whole community here at Leighterton are very proud of our ANZAC links. The ANZACs are the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who were based at Leighterton during the First World War.

During World War 1, the Royal Flying Corps was established and near the end of the war, Australia set up its own Air Corps. The first detachments were sent to the UK in 1917 and the First Training Wing of the Australian Flying Corps was established in January 1918. Leighterton hosted Number 2 Station and Squadrons 7 and 8 came here.

The runways were grass. Trainees came to the squadrons once they had completed six weeks basic training and passed a written exam in aeronautics, Morse code and the theory of artillery. They would fly 12 times with an instructor, each flight lasting only 15 minutes, before going solo. They would complete four hours of solo flights before going on to advanced training. Here at Leighterton, training was in two seater planes. The planes used were Sopworth Pups, Sopworth Camels, the Royal Aircraft Factory SE5A and Avro 504. The Sopworth Camel had particularly poor handling characteristics.

The ANZACS became well known locally for their daredevil flying. The ANZACs left the Stations on 11th May 1919 and the air strips at Leighterton reverted to farmland again. Twenty four of the ANZAC pilots who were trained at Leighterton and who were killed during the war are buried in the cemetery here.

Each year, on the Sunday closest to ANZAC Day, which is on 25th April, representatives from the Royal British Legion, the Royal Air Force and other community groups, parade from Leighterton Primary School, through the village, to the cemetery, where a service of remembrance is held to commemorate the ANZACs who are buried in Leighterton. During the service, the children from our school lay sprigs of rosemary on the graves of the servicemen and they call the roll of the men who died. Rosemary is an ancient symbol of remembrance and had become a fitting symbol to remember those who have served and died. It is a traditional symbol of commemoration in Australia and many wear sprigs of this herb on ANZAC Day, in memory.

At St Andrew's church, in Leighterton, a Roll of Honour can be seen mentioning each of the men's names.

If you would like to come and find out more about the ANZACs or have a look around our school, please contact Mrs Davey in the school office on (01666) 890273 or through our website – www.leighterton.com to book a tour of our lovely school.

Meryl Hatfield, Headteacher



The children lay a sprig of rosemary on each grave.

COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD CLOSURES

Temporary closure of C279 (Leighterton Lane) from Park Wood Farm to The Street, Didmarton for Gigaclear fibre installation. 10th April—24th April.

There is a rolling programme of road closures due to resurfacing of The Street and A433 to County Boundary from the 3rd April. This schedule can be viewed on line or I can email it to you:

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LOCAL ELECTION TIME

!Important information for all residents!

As part of new laws introduced by Government, everyone voting in person at a polling station at this year's local elections on 4 May will need to show a valid form of ID to be able to vote

Find out more on the Cotswold District Council website including what ID is accepted and how to apply for free ID if you don't have one of the accepted forms of ID - www.cotswold.gov.uk/voterid

Everyone who needs to apply for ID has until the 25 April to do so

Also remember to register to vote by 17 April if you aren't already registered.

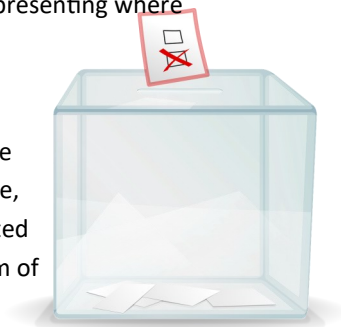
The ID requirements will not affect postal votes so if you want to vote by post you can also find out how to do that on the district council website

More information on our website including who is representing where
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What do suffragette Colours mean?

Adopted in 1908. Purple represented royalty and "the royal blood that flows in the veins of every suffragette, the instinct of freedom and dignity;" white represented purity; and green represented hope and "the emblem of spring .

The Suffragettes, founded in 1903 by Emmeline Pankhurst, were fundamentals in securing votes for women



YOUR MIND & BODY MATTERS

Feeling the very best you can – Intermittent Fasting

Referring back to intermittent fasting, which is really growing in popularity, I just want to go back on a couple of points:-

In our modern world we never really access our fat burning system which is the Ketone system, which is what intermittent fasting does, it access's our energetic energy system which allows us to go longer without food, enabling our bodies to thrive. Research is showing that people are eating food 15hrs out of 24hrs so working completely against our original design.

Women in their fertile years would be good to do intermittent fasting as keeping the glucose low it gives Oestrogen more of a chance to do it's job and help with fertility.

Women over 40 and who are maybe approaching the peri menopause, their Oestrogen goes up and down and slowly fades away so try to keep Oestrogen high by keeping glucose low which may help to delay their menopause by prolonging Oestrogen.

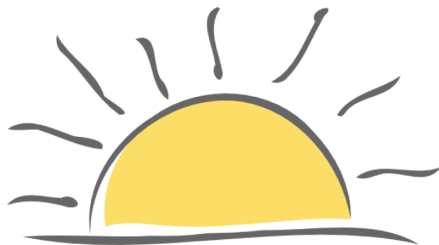
Research shows intermittent fasting is great for type 1 and type 2 Diabetes again as long as it's discussed with the doctor or Diabetes nurse.

It seems that there are a couple of instances for women when it's not appropriate. Thyroid health - The Thyroid can decline by 50% as women mature so the Thyroid needs calories to support its function.

Pregnant women should not fast intermittently nor should nursing mothers.

If any of this touches you or you would like to find out more, get in touch and / or listen to Rangan Chatterjee's pod cast with Mindy Pelz.

Ruth x



SORTED!

Helpful hints and hacks taken from SORTED! A 140 page book covering tips for most aspects of everyday life. The book is being sold to raise funds for garden improvements to the residential refuge of the charity **Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Services**.



**01793 610610 - 24 hours a day,
7 days a week, 365 days a year**

Check Dyddi on line for further information

Not Enough Time

To quickly chill a single bottle or can, wrap it in kitchen roll and run under the tap. Put into a plastic bag (so it doesn't stick to the freezer) freeze for 5-10 minutes (setting a timer helps!). Open and enjoy!

To save changing the water in flower vases, add a few drops of bleach to keep the water fresh and flowers lasting longer

Save time picking away at the clingfilm by using beeswax or silicone covers.
Saves on using plastic too.

Use toothpaste to quickly remove the marks from Chrome taps. Rub it in with a damp cloth or finger then rinse it to leave a shiny finish.

For time saving fruit drinks fill empty citrus peel halves e.g. orange, lemon, lime with water and freeze them. Then when you need an instant drink just add them to a jug of water.

Time flies whether you are having fun or not—the choice is yours.

To find out more <https://swadomesticabuse.org/>

To buy a copy of the book please contact caroline@nickhare.com

To Donate www.gofundme.com/f/Swindon-refuge-garden

or scan QR Code



J.J.'S GARDENING BLOG – *looking forward to Spring*

Have you managed to prune the roses? Well you have almost missed the boat if you haven't. But never fear, they will survive but will flower rather late. Perhaps give them a pep talk and cheer them up.

If you are tying any branches back remember to use garden string with a figure of eight so the branch doesn't rub against the fence or wall and damage itself.

Don't get over excited about getting the annuals planted out. We could get some late cold weather. If you have a light warmish place indoors, plant some seeds. You can plant small amounts of the packet over a period, it will give you a longer flowering time.

If it's not very nice outside, go to the shed and check on the plants in pots, do they need the next size pot with some new compost? Bear in mind, that Agapanthus prefer to be very snug in their pot to flower well, they are also drought tolerant. If its a nice warmish day move containers in groups of three or five, near a wall or under a shrub. Keep an eye on the weather, as with the annuals, it may be a case of bringing pots in and out for three or four days to help them along.

If you have sensibly not tidied up penstemon plants to protect them from cold, now is probably the time to do so.

Just keep on top of any small weeds, and mulch which looks good but gives the plants a good chance to blossom. Don't despair if even after the five star treatment a plant gives up. Some take several years to bloom and some others have reached their life span, most herbaceous plants are not oak trees.

If you need something to fill a space or to add interest over the whole season look into grasses. Miscanthus is really useful, upright, about a metre tall and compact, there are plenty of others and worth researching.

A lovely small iris which will be available in pots now is Katherine Hodgkin, and can be planted out later too.

Remember to turn the compost bin. This is not absolutely necessary but it will speed the rotting up.

Plants purchased from a shop or nursery will usually have enough fertiliser in the compost to last for six weeks, so no need to add more.

As the days get sunnier remove slugs, don't hope they will just go away!

Wash the garden furniture be ready for a heat wave.



SHERSTON GARDENING CLUB

This month's (AGM) Meeting is Friday 14
April 2023:
Speaker is Vanessa Berridge:
Kiftsgate Court:
Three Generations of Women Gardeners

Clippings

Despite our booked Speaker being unable to attend our March meeting, we kept the show on the road with numerous gardening tips and jobs to be getting on with, plus a quiz.

Cuttings

We are delighted that Vanessa Berridge will now be speaking at our AGM on 14 April. There is very little that Vanessa doesn't know about Kiftsgate Court, near Chipping Campden, having researched the property for her award-winning book in 20219. Her talk will make reference to the talented family behind one of the loveliest gardens in the country. 'Three Generations of Women Gardeners' will be an illustrated presentation not to be missed. We'll also vote on the bulb photographs submitted to Liz Cooper who is making a slide presentation of our efforts.

New members from Sherston and surrounding villages are welcome: £15 single £25 joint U18's free. For membership form and full programme contact our Secretary: sherstongardeningclub@gmail.com From May onwards, club meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month, British School Room, doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 start.

Connections

RHS Malvern Spring Show 2023: Sorry, but all seats are now taken on the bus! Members will be advised of departure and return times at our April meeting.

Gardening Hints and Tips Leaflet. We have a huge variety of experience among our growing membership so we're capturing favourite hints and tips for a special leaflet, available soon.

The Sherston Gardening Club Facebook page is a useful source of information, photographs and news. Anyone can join the group and contribute to the conversation.

Community

BLOOMING SHERSTON

Editorial deadlines mean that our report on outcomes from the Open Meeting at the Angel on Saturday 25th March will have to wait until the May issue.

Calendar

The 2023 SGC Programme of talks, visits and dates can be seen on our Facebook page.

May 2nd: ‘Where the Wild Flowers Grow: My Botanical Journey through Britain and Ireland’ by published author, Leif Bersweden. Leif (*right*) grew up in rural Wiltshire and has recently finished a genetics PhD at Kew. He has written a couple of books about orchids and Britain’s numerous wild plants. He will be drawing on the latter to help put wild flowers back on the map and persuade you to learn your daisies from your dandelions!



May 12th: Malvern Spring Show Visit. Always worth a visit but all coach seats now taken

June 6th: ‘The Art of Plant and Seed Hunting’ by Penny Jones, Chief propagator at Westonbirt Arboretum.

July 7th - SUMMER SOCIAL at the Garden House, Westonbirt (with thanks to our hosts, Clare & James Turner).

There will be no Meeting in August, returning on 5th September.

What is a Haiku?

A Japanese verse form most often composed, in English versions, of three unrhymed lines of five, seven, and five syllables. A haiku often features an image, or a pair of images, meant to depict the essence of a specific moment in time.

“A Poppy Blooms” by Katsushika Hokusai

I write, erase, rewrite

Erase again, and then

A poppy blooms.

Haikus focus on a brief moment in time, juxtaposing two images, and creating a sudden sense of enlightenment

Bennetts Farm Shop in Leighterton Open Day

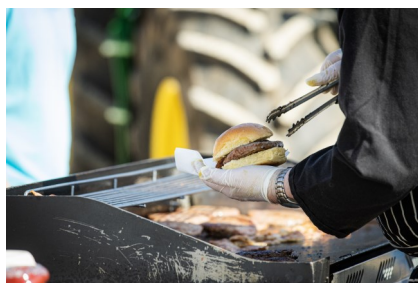
Sunday 16th April to celebrate first anniversary



Bennetts Farm Shop, an innovative self service enterprise connecting local consumers with artisanal suppliers from Gloucestershire and the surrounding counties, is excited to be holding an open day on Sunday the 16th of April, to celebrate their first anniversary.

The shop opened its doors on 26th March 2022 and owners Simon and Tara Best have been blown away by the support, growth and feedback since opening.

The shop is home to many wonderful local products, including Simon & Tara's very own Aberdeen Angus beef, the herd of which is reared from start to finish by the couple at Bennetts Farm. You'll also find a milk vending machine with freshly pasteurised whole milk from neighbouring farm The Leighterton Dairy, as well as other dairy products, pork, sweet and savoury treats, kitchen staples and a self service coffee machine.



The open day will offer something for everyone and will truly celebrate the growth of the farm shop over the past year. Hot food, beverages and samples of the products you'll find in the shop will be on offer plus there will be a competition and raffle too!

The open day, which is free to attend, will run at Bennetts Farm Shop in Leighterton, from 12-4pm on Sunday 16th April. You can find Bennetts Farm Shop on Google maps, or search **hires.durations.roof on what3words**. Please then follow signs for parking, the parking field will be a short walk from the farm shop itself.



The March 100 Club Draw took place at Toddler Group in the Village Hall on March 9th. The winners were:-

First Prize	£20	Jeff Eadon	Second Prize	£15	Mike Hollywood
Third Prize	£10	Elaine Motley	Fourth Prize	£10	Mark Wallington
Sue & Sue					

Our 100 Club year ends on 30th April. A big thank you to all those of you who were members during 2022/2023 and we hope that we can count on your support again for 2023/2024.

It's a great opportunity to help raise much needed funds for our village community and thanks to your support, we have raised £900 for the DVHCC this year.

Many thanks to those of you who have already paid their subscription of £12 per person for the coming year.

For those still to pay we would appreciate payment by bank transfer if possible. Lloyds account details are:

Didmarton 100 Club Sort code 30-91-99 Account number 77225368

Please include your name and address as reference.

If you would prefer to pay by cheque (payable to Didmarton 100 Club) or cash please take your payment to your NEAREST collector –

Susie Jones, Janet Bowers-Broadbent, Nic Holden, Amanda Hathaway,
Jackie Crew,

Sue Cook or Sue Hammond,

together with the form printed in last month's DD if possible. We would ask that all payments be made by Monday 3rd April for inclusion into the May draw.

If you would like more information contact Sue Cook on 238222 or Sue Hammond on 238373.

Thank you everyone in anticipation of your support.

Sue & Sue



No ID? You can apply for free voter ID

Find out more at

electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID

or call 0800 328 0280



There is a lot more information online at www.didmartonvillagehall.co.uk/#Dyddi, where we are not constrained by printing costs!

VICAR'S LETTER *April 2023*

Dear Parishioners,

At last, Easter is almost here now, and the daffodils will be waving joyfully in our villages.

Easter celebrates the resurrection which is at the heart of the Christian faith. This is the Resurrection which undergirds a Christian understanding of life beyond this world.

Our Theology of eternal life, is based upon our union with Christ in his Death and Resurrection, which we have sacramentally, through our Baptism.

In days gone by, all Baptisms would have happened at Easter. Lent would have been a time for preparing the catechists for their Baptism at this time.

Much popular Christian thinking, simply sees Baptism as a welcome to a baby into the world, and this important Christian teaching outlined above, is missed. Our union with Christ in his Death and Resurrection through Baptism, is a belief commonly held by all denominations and churches.

Some traditions, dunk a person completely under the water, whereas most Church of England Baptisms happen in a font with a shell or a hand, sprinkling water on the head of a person.

The sprinkling of water is repeated sometimes on a coffin, or at a Confirmation service - to remind the faithful of their baptism.

I hope this Easter, you will eat your Easter eggs, remembering with joy that first happy event, when the boulder was moved away and the hope and joy of the resurrection was first born. It is this which gives so many of us hope for the future, and a belief that no matter how much of a hash people make of their lives, there is always more to come.

With my best wishes,
Richard

Rev Richard Thomson

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND BADMINTON BENEFICE

April Sunday services – conducted by Rev. Thomson unless stated

Readings & updates of services www.badmintonbenifice.com

Date	Time	Parish	Service	Minister
Palm Sunday	9.30am	Lasborough	Matins	lay led
2nd April	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Parish Communion	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Didmarton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Sopworth	Evening Prayer	LAY LED
	6pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
7th April	12pm	Little Badminton	Good Friday Liturgy	Rev R Thomson
Good Friday	1.30-3pm	Hawkesbury	Readings, music and walk up the knoll	Rev R Thomson
Easter Day	9.30am	Lasborough	Holy Communion BCP	P Cheeseman
9th April	11am	Leighterton	Holy Communion 1928	Rev R Thomson
	11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	9.30am	Hawkesbury	Holy Communion BCP	Rev J Wilson
16th April	8.30am	Didmarton	Holy Communion BCP	Rev R Thomson
2nd Sun of Easter	1000 am	Hawkesbury		Rev R Thomson
	1115am	Sopworth	Matins	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Acton Turville	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
23rd April	9.30am	Lasborough	HC CW	Rev R Thomson
3rd Sun of Easter	11.15am	Little Badminton	Matins with HC	Rev R Thomson
	2.30pm	Leighterton cemetery	Anzac service	Rev R Thomson
	6pm	Hawkesbury	Evensong	Rev R Thomson
30th April				
4th Sun of Easter	11.15am	Hawkesbury	Matins with HC	Rev T Novis preacher



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This was the exciting discovery made by the Disciples of Jesus concerning their master that first Easter. They had witnessed his crucifixion & feared that that was the end of their hopes for the future. Even when the surprising news came from those who had seen Jesus alive from the dead they were stubborn & refused to believe them until Jesus came and met them in person.

This encounter with the risen Jesus, their saviour, transformed their lives, they were full of joy instead of sadness & fear, & went everywhere telling the good news to all.

People everywhere today are having their lives transformed by an encounter with the living saviour Jesus Christ as the good news is revealed to them, often in surprising ways as they respond to the good news of Easter.

This life-changing news we read in Romans 4:25 is that 'Jesus died for our sin & rose for our justification', that we might be made righteous & fit for our holy God who will judge the living & the dead. We all need to realise that we have sinned & come short of the glory of God & he has laid on Jesus Christ the iniquity of us all in the crucifixion of Jesus on the cross. He had no sin of his own so was the perfect sacrifice to pay the price of sin, he only, could unlock the gate of heaven and let us in.

Today the living Jesus comes to us individually & opens our eyes to our need of him to save us & he offers us forgiveness & a new life of peace with God by his righteousness. God's word says 'Believe (put your faith wholly) on the Lord Jesus Christ & you will be saved'.

Thanks be to God that he raised Jesus who meets us on the road of life with the offer of eternal life with him in the presence of God. This is the wonderful life-changing news of Easter God wants us to experience. Will you respond positively to Jesus today? He has not promised to come again to you another day, but we must respond to him in repentance for our sin & give our lives over in faith & thanksgiving for what he has done for us & will do for those who receive them.

May you know the joy of sins forgiven & peace with God as Jesus reveals himself to you as you read the Bible this Easter & come to know—Surprise, Surprise—Jesus is alive. A Happy Easter to you.

Royston Pick

In Brief—the Jewish Holiday of Passover

Passover, or Pesach in Hebrew, is one of the Jewish religion's most sacred and widely observed holidays. In Judaism, Passover commemorates the story of the Israelites' departure from ancient Egypt, which appears in the Hebrew Bible's books of Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, among other texts. The weeklong festival is observed with a number of important rituals, including a traditional Passover meal known as a seder, the removal of leavened products from the home, the substitution of matzo for bread and the retelling of the exodus tale.

Passover 2023 will be from sundown on April 5, 2022, to sundown on April 13, 2022. The date of Passover changes each year because the date is set not by the Gregorian Calendar, but by the lunar-based Hebrew calendar. It always occurs during the Hebrew month of Nisan.

One of the most important Passover rituals is removing all leavened food products (known as chametz) from their home before the holiday begins and abstaining from them throughout its duration.

Instead of bread, a type of flatbread called matzo is eaten. According to tradition, this is because the Hebrews fled Egypt in such haste that there was no time for their bread to rise or perhaps because matzo was lighter and easier to carry through the desert.

Easter Facts

Why Eggs? - Early Christians in Mesopotamia dyed eggs in the period after Easter. The practice was adopted by the Orthodox Churches, and from there it spread into Western Europe. Eggs represent new life and rebirth, and it's thought that this ancient custom was absorbed into Easter celebrations. In the medieval period, eating eggs was forbidden during Lent (the 40 days before Easter) so on Easter Sunday, tucking into an egg was a real treat!

The (quick version) Origin of Easter—Easter originated as an ancient pagan celebration of the spring equinox. In Christianity, the day was dedicated to observing the resurrection of Jesus Christ, celebrated around the time of the Jewish Passover.



SUDOKU by Neil Fozard

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Answers to the March quizzes:

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Carol Paton, Malmesbury Bridge Club Secretary.

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I am very pleased to announce that I will be standing as the prospective Conservative candidate in the May 4th local elections for Grumbold’s Ash, which includes Didmarton. I will call on as many households as possible in the next few weeks.

Please don’t let the ‘C’ word put you off, as this is an election for LOCAL issues, such as halting the current reckless spending at CDC, fixing the planning process, and ensuring improvements to the provision of core services.

I am passionate about our area, and have served on the Avening Parish Council since 2006, including 7 years as its leader. I have lived in Avening since 1990 and have multi-generational connections the area – I believe all the communities in Grumbold’s Ash will have similar problems, and I will continue to use the knowledge I have built up to ensure that my villages are at the forefront of future CDC policies and funding. I fully support your traffic concerns from the proposed concerts at the Badminton Estate and will help find a pragmatic solution.

Voting this time will be a little more complicated as everyone will need photo ID when they vote, but you can contact me (see above) to find out how it works, or to help you complete a postal vote application.

Even if you are not a natural Conservative voter, I’d be very grateful for your support so that I can continue to make Didmarton a great place to live.



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